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In re Application of

Arnim LITTEK

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For: OFFSET ARRANGEMENT OF ELECTRODES
ON A PIEZOELECTRIC TRANSDUCER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".

Claim 10, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 9" to --claim 7--.

Claim 11, line 2, change "any of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "or 13".

Claim 15, line 1, change "any of claims 12 to 14" to --claim 12-- and line 2, change "any of claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "any of claims 12 to 15" to --claim 12--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "any of claims 12 to 16" to --claim 12--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1--.

Claim 22, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 10, 20 or 21" to --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 23. A subject support in combination with a transducer according to claim 7 arranged in or on the subject support to detect signals from a subject occupying the subject support.

24. A transducer according to claim 7 wherein the piezoelectric member is dimensioned so as to be suitable for monitoring a human or animal subject.--

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure on the accompanying sheet.

REMARKS

The above amendments are being made to bring the claims into better U.S. form, and to add an Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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